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SUBJECT: RADIO/ TV HIGHLIGHTS

1. RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF MAY 17 TH AND MORNING OF MAY 18 TH CONCENTRATED ON FIRST DAY OF IRWIN " WATERGATE" HEARINGS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS STORIES WERE GIVEN SECONDARY ATTENTION.

2. ON SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT, IT WAS REPORTED ON RADIO THAT SECRETARY SAID, REGARDING HIS PERU VISIT, THAT:
" AS WE HAVE IMPROVED OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR ADVERSARIES THERE IS NO REASON WE CANNOT IMPROVE THEM WITH OUR FRIENDS."
CBS INFORMED THAT STUDENTS WERE PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION IN BOGOTA PROTESTING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 18 TH CBS BROADCAST THAT THE SECRETARY WILL MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH IN BOGOTA TODAY EXPRESSING THIS COUNTRY'S HOPE FOR A NEW AND MATURE RELATIONSHIP WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE INCLUSION IN THE SPEECH OF A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF U. S. INTENTIONS AND ATTITUDES.

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3. TOM FENTON ON CBS TV AND RADIO FROM TEL AVIV REPORTED AS FOLLOWS ON A REPORTED SADAT OFFER FOR " UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS": " CBS NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT MADE A SECRET OFFER OF UNCONDITIONAL TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. THE ISRAELIS NEVER TOOK UP THE OFFER DESPITE THEIR PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED

READINESS TO MEET WITH THE EGYPTIANS ANY TIME ANY PLACE AS LONG AS THERE WERE NO PRIOR CONDITIONS. SADAT'S AGREEMENT TO HOLD SO- CALLED PROXIMITY TALKS IN ADJOINING ROOMS WAS CONVEYED TO ISRAELI LEADERS BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. THE ISRAELIS WERE GIVEN THE NAME OF SADAT'S EMISSARY, THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE TALKS IN A NEW YORK CITY HOTEL, AND ACCORDING TO QUALIFIED SOURCES THE FACT THAT THE EGYPTIANS WERE PROPOSING NO PRIOR CONDITIONS. FACED WITH THE EGYPTIAN OFFER THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE STALLED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL THE PEACE EFFORT COLLAPSED."

4. OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS STORIES CARRIED BY MEDIA WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOLD AND THE DOLLAR -- EARLY AFTERNOON REPORTS INDICATED THE PRICE OF GOLD FALLING, WITH THE DOLLAR GAINING STRENGTH WHILE EVENING AND MORNING REPORTS INDICATED SOME REVERSAL DUE IT IS ALLEGED TO THE OPENING OF THE ERWIN HEARINGS.

B. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT -- THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTED TO RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS WITH PARTICULAR REGARD FOR ARAB HIJACKERS.

C. TROOP REDUCTION MEETINGS -- CBS RADIO (AFTERNOON) REPORTED THAT THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WERE AS INTERESTED IN TROOP REDUCTIONS AS NATO NATIONS, THAT REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT A CONTINUING EFFORT HAD BEEN STARTED, THAT DEMOBILIZATION OF WITHDRAWN TROOPS WAS IMPORTANT AND THAT ORGANIZATION WAS UNDERWAY FOR THE SEPTEMBER TALKS.

D. KISSINGER/ THO TALKS -- THESE TALKS WERE REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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HOURLY BUT THE STORIES WERE LIMITED TO DESCRIPTION OF DURATION OF TALKS, SMILES AND HANDSHAKES AND KISSINGER'S COMMENT THAT ALL WENT " OK". COLLINGWOOD'S COMMENTARY FROM PARIS IS INCLUDED BELOW AS HE LINKS WATERGATE AND THE TALKS.

E. THE CONGRESS -- THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE VOTED 15-0 TO SUPPORT A BILL LIMITING THE WAR-POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT. THE BILL LETS THE PRESIDENT, WITHOUT PRIOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL USE U. S. TROOPS IN COMBAT FOR ONLY THIRTY DAYS AND ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THE LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE NO AFFECT ON THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION.

F. WIRE TAPS -- EDWIN NEWMAN, NBC TODAY SHOW, INTERVIEWED MORTON HALPERIN AND DISCUSSED ON WIRE TAPPING, WATERGATE, THE PUBLIC'S NEED TO KNOW AND THE CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS. CRONKITE ON CBS/ TV MAY 17 TH REPORTED THAT KISSINGER ORDERED WIRE TAPS ON HIS ASSOCIATES WHILE LEAKING INFORMATION HIMSELF. CRONKITE ALSO MENTIONED THAT MARVIN KALB'S PHONE WAS TAPPED.

G. BURUNDI -- RADIO REPORTS FROM TEL AVIV SAID BURUNDI, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF EGYPT, UGANDA AND LIBYA, HAS BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. BURUNDI IS THE SIXTH AFRICAN NATION TO DO SO AND AT PRESENT ETHIOPIA IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM LIBYA TO BREAK WITH ISRAEL OR HAVE THE HEADQUARTERS OF OAU MOVED FROM ADDIS.

H. BONN -- CBS RADIO REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT BREZHNEV HAS ARRIVED IN BONN FOR HIS CONTROVERSIAL FIVE-DAY SUMMIT MEETING WITH BRANDT.

I. BEIRUT -- DALLAS TOWNSEND REPORTED ON CBS RADIO THAT A SECRET COEXISTENCE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO BY THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE GUERRILLAS WHICH GIVES SOME CONTROL TO THE GOVERNMENT OVER REFUGEE CAMPS. THE RADICAL GUERRILLAS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT. THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. RUSH
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